

## Ouabache State Park

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All interpretive programs are family oriented. Parents and children are encouraged to attend activities together. An adult should accompany children under the age of 10 to all programs.

### Thursday, August 2

- 10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at trail #2 by the tennis and basketball courts near the swimming pool. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!
- 1:00 pm **Oh! ‘Possum** – Meet at the Trail’s End Shelter to learn more about this fascinating animal.

### Friday, August 3

- 10:00 am **Bison Stroll** - Come on over to the bison enclosure and get up close and personal with our resident bison! We will stroll around the enclosure while learning more about bison and communing with nature.

### Saturday, August 4

- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.
- 5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.
- 7:00 pm **Smokey Bear’s 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party!** - Join us as we celebrate Smokey Bear’s 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Festivities start at 7:00 pm, when refreshments are served and the kids can make birthday cards for Smokey. Smokey arrives at 7:30 pm to greet visitors.

### Sunday, August 5

- 8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.
- 10:00 am **Morning Hike** - Meet at the trailhead for Trail #3 by campsite #32 and we will take a hike, listen to the birds, and enjoy nature!
- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

### **Wednesday, August 8**

10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at the trailhead for Trail # 3 (by campsite 32). We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!

### **Thursday, August 9**

**Come see me at the IDNR State Fair Booth in Indianapolis from 10 am–2 pm!**

### **Friday, August 10**

10:00 am **Lake Looking** - Meet by the lodge at Kunkel Lake where we will investigate the critters that reside in the mud.

1:00 pm **Cicadas on the Loose** - What are those giant bugs of summer? Learn more about the role of cicadas in our environment. Then try your hand at making an origami cicada to take home. Meet at the Trail's End Shelter.

### **Saturday, August 11**

1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

7:00 pm **Frogs & Toads** – Hop over to the Campground Shelter to meet some residents up close and learn more about them!

### **Sunday, August 12**

8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.

11:00 am **What's a Daddy Longlegs?** – What IS a daddy longlegs? Meet at the Campground Shelter to dispel the myths about this animal and learn the truth.

1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

### **Wednesday, August 15**

10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at Trail 1 by the bison enclosure. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!

1:00 pm **Wacky Woodpeckers** – Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter to learn more about these fascinating birds of the forest.

### **Thursday, August 16**

10:00 am **Hummingbirds**– Meet at the Trail's End Shelter to learn more about this special bird.

1:00 pm **Leaf Prints** - Come to Campground Shelter and make some leaf prints to take home.

### **Friday, August 17**

10:00 am **Fireflies** - Come learn more about these fascinating evening insects. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

1:00 pm **Scavenger Hunt** - Meet at the Trail's End Shelter and see if you can find the items on my list!

### **Saturday, August 18**

1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

7:00 pm **Campfire Story** - Come hear the story of “Stellaluna” by Jannell Cannon at the Trail's End Shelter. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. We will make a craft afterwards.

### **Sunday, August 19**

8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.

11:00 am **Before Noon Hike** - Meet at the trailhead for Trail #3 (next to campsite 32) for a before-lunch hike.

1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

### **Wednesday, August 22**

10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at the gravel lot across from the paved bike trail entrance (just down the road from the main gatehouse). We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!

1:00 pm **Scavenger Hunt** - Meet at the Trail's End Shelter and see if you can find the items on my list!

### **Thursday, August 23**

10:00 am **Animal Tracks** – Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter to learn about the tracks animals leave and to make some for yourself.

1:00 pm **River Otters** - These intelligent, sociable animals were almost lost to Indiana. Meet at the Trail's End shelter to learn more about them and what we are doing to bring them back. Then make a river otter puppet to take home with you!

### **Friday, August 24**

10:00 am **Bison Stroll** - Come on over to the bison enclosure and get up close and personal with our resident bison! We will stroll around the enclosure while learning more about bison and communing with nature.

1:00 pm **Turtles** – Come learn more about these lovely reptiles. Meet at the Trail's End shelter.

### **Saturday, August 25**

- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.
- 5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.
- 8:00 pm **Night Hike** - Take a stroll around Trail 2 (in the campground) and learn how to use your nighttime senses. No flashlights required!

### **Sunday, August 26**

- 8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.
- 11:00 am **Bird ID Books** - Meet at the Trail’s End shelter to learn about the feathered friends we have at the park.
- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

### **Wednesday, August 29**

- 10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at trail #2 by the tennis and basketball courts. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!
- 1:00 pm **Nature Bingo** - Good fun for everyone. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

### **Thursday, August 30**

- 10:00 am **White-tailed Deer**- Meet at the Trail’s End Shelter to learn about some of the problems Indiana faces with deer overpopulation and some of the techniques being used to control this problem.
- 1:00 pm **Anatomy of an Isopod** - What on earth is an isopod? Meet at the Campground shelter to find out.

### **Friday, August 31**

- 10:00 am **Winter Is For The Birds** - Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter and find out how you can help our feathered friends survive another cold winter.
- 1:00 pm **Fall Fascination** – Fall is just around the corner! Meet at the Trail’s End Shelter to learn about why leaves turn colors, learn how to preserve leaves and flowers, and make some leaf and bark rubbings.

### **Saturday, September 1**

- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.
- 5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.
- 7:00 pm **Marvelous Monarchs** – Come learn about these royal butterflies and see how we can track their winter migration. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

### **Sunday, September 2**

- 8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.
- 11:00 am **Dragonflies** - Meet at the Campground Shelter to learn more about these fascinating creatures and make one to take home with you.
- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

### **Monday, September 3**

- 10:00 am **Doodlefish, Fishing Pond, & Fish Prints** – Come to the Campground Shelter to draw a fish and learn its parts. Then try your hand at our slipper fish “fishing pond” and win a prize! You can also bring a colored T-shirt and make a fish-print shirt to wear or make a fish print on paper.
- 1:00 pm **Lake Looking** - Meet by the lodge at Kunkel Lake where we will investigate the critters that reside in the mud.

### **Saturday, September 8**

- 10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Join the naturalist on a vigorous 2 mile walk along the paved bike trail and get in shape! Meet early at the Kunkle Lake Spillway parking lot to sign in and get warmed up. This trail is an easy trail.

**Watch for our Fall Festival schedule. Ouabache's Fall Festival will take place this year October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**